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SUBJ: FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION AT ISTANBUL UNIVERSITY

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1. FSO ELAINE SMITH APPRECIATES CONGEN ISTANBUL'S FORWARDING INVITATION (REFTEL) FROM ISTANBUL UNIVERSITY'S RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR ATATURK REFORMS TO PARTICIPATE IN SYMPOSIUM DECEMBER 10-14 COMMEMORATING FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF TURKISH REPUBLIC, BY PRESENTING SCHOLARLY PAPER ON KEMALISM. SUCH SYMPOSIA GENERALLY INCLUDE DISTINGUISHED GATHERING OF TURKISH AND FOREIGN SCHOLARS AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR FRUITFUL EXCHANNGES WITH TURKISH INTELLECTUAL COMMUNITY (USG TARGET AUDIENCE). CONSEQUENTLY, DESPITE SHORT LEAD TIME, MISS SMITH WAS WILLING TO PREPARE REQUESTED PAPER. HOWEVER, INABILITY OBTAIN TRANSPORTATION  
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FUNDING (\$600.00) HAS PROVEN OVERRIDING OBSTACLE AND

PRECLUDED HER PRESENCE AT THIS COMMEMORATIVE MEETING. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF FOLLOWING LETTER COULD BE TRANSMITTED TO PROFESSOR DR. YILMAZ ALTUG, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTE.

"DEAR PROFESSOR ALTUG:

"THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR INVITATION ON BEHALF OF THE RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR ATATURK'S REFORMS OF ISTANBUL UNIVERSITY TO ATTEND ITS SYMPOSIUM, DECEMBER 10-14 COMMEMORATING THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY AND TO PRESENT A PAPER ON KEMALISM AT THIS AUGUST GATHERING. AS YOU KNOW FROM MY PUBLISHED WRITINGS, KEMALISM HAS BEEN A SUBJECT OF GREAT INTEREST TO ME FOR MANY YEARS AND I AM DEEPLY HONORED TO HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A FRUITFUL EXCHANGE OF IDEAS ON IT WITH OTHER SCHOLARS OF TURKISH HISTORY.

"I HAVE ENDEAVORED TO OBTAIN TRANSPORTATION FUNDING FROM VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF THE US GOVERNMENT SUCH AS THE CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM, BUT UNFORTUNATELY HAVE NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, IT IS WITH DEEP REGRET THAT I MUST DECLINE YOUR MOST GRACIOUS INVITATION.

"I WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO LEARN IF YOU PLAN TO PUBLISH PROCEEDINGS OF THE SYMPOSIUM AS I AM SURE THEY WOULD BE A VALUABLE ADDITION TO MY COLLECTION OF WRITINGS ON THIS SUBJECT. CONVENING THE SYMPOSIUM AT THIS TIME IS INDEED APPROPRIATE FOR KEMALISM WAS THE DOCTRINAL BASIS AND A KEY IMPETUS FOR BOTH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TURKISH REPUBLIC AND ITS SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS. I WOULD LIKE TO CONVEY MY SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS TO THE INSTITUTE AS THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY PASSES ITS MID-CENTURY MILESTONE.

"SINCERELY YOURS,

"ELAINE DIANA SMITH  
FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER."  
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